

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/785,872

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ashok B. Patel

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/14/2005, 1/18/2006, and 08/2/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-6,8,9,11,13-16,18,19 and 33-44.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/22/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 11, 13-19 and 33-44 are allowed. Claims 2, 7, 10, 12, 17, and 20-32 are cancelled.

Terminal Disclaimer

2. The terminal disclaimer filed on 8/02/2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent granted on Application No. 09/906, 658 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Karl Kenna on 02/02/2005.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification, Page 2, line 1-16,

U.S. Application No. 09/788,150 entitled "OPEN MARKET COLLABORATION SYSTEM FOR ENTERPRISE WIDE ELECTRONIC COMMERCE," by Rocky Stewart, Timo Metsaportti, and Pal Takacs-Nagy, filed February 16, 2001.

U.S. Application No. 09/785,687 entitled "MESSAGE ROUTING SYSTEM FOR ENTERPRISE WIDE ELECTRONIC COLLABORATION," by Rocky Stewart, Pal Takacsi-Nagy, Timo Metsaportti, and Michael Hyndman, filed Feb. 16, 2001.

U.S. Application No. 09/785,693 entitled "CONVERSATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ENTERPRISE WIDE ELECTRONIC COLLABORATION," by Rocky Stewart, Pal Takacsi-Nagy, Timo Metsaportti, Sanjay Dalal and Pascal Hoebanx, filed Feb. 16, 2001.

U.S. Application No. 09/785,862, U.S. Patent No. 7, 051, 071, entitled "WORKFLOW INTEGRATION SYSTEM FOR ENTERPRISE WIDE ELECTRONIC COLLABORATION," by Rocky Stewart, Pal Takacsi-Nagy, Timo Metsaportti and Adrian Price, filed Feb. 16, 2001.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior arts of record teach or suggest the claimed limitation with respect to each of the independent claims reciting a collaboration hub for use with a collaboration system for handling messages of conversations among participants, comprising a transport for receiving messages from participants and sending messages to other participants using an extensible data protocol. wherein the extensible data protocol allows a participant to specify both a routing information, and a business protocol. for that conversation, wherein the routing information is specified by the participant in a header of the extensible data protocol, and wherein the business protocol is specified by a uniform resource locator used by the participant to communicate with the transport

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along with other claim limitations. None of the prior arts of record teach or fairly suggest the claimed limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ashok B. Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-3972. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John A. Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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